

Readme File for “Strict ID Laws Don’t Stop Voters: Evidence from a U.S. Nationwide Panel, 2008-2018” by Enrico Cantoni and Vincent Pons

This folder contains the cleaning and analysis code for “Strict ID Laws Don’t Stop Voters: Evidence from a U.S. Nationwide Panel, 2008-2018.”

The folder contains a dofile (globals.do) and three subfolders (*ado*, *Cleaning*, and *Analysis*), which are described below.

1. *globals.do*: defines global macros used across the other dofiles.
2. *ado*: contains the adofiles for all user-written Stata commands used in the project. Specifically:
 - a. *ado/plus*: contains the ado-files of all user-written Stata commands downloaded from SSC. The inclusion of these adofiles ensures that the commands invoked by individual dofiles are identical to and work exactly as the commands we used for our analyses.
 - b. *ado/personal*: contains the adofiles underlying the Stata commands we wrote ourselves.
3. *Cleaning*: contains the cleaning files for this paper and for another paper based on the same data. For efficiency reasons, we created common data cleaning routines across the two projects, while maintaining separate analysis scripts.
 - a. *Cleaning/clean.do*: this is the master cleaning file used to run every individual cleaning dofile.
 - b. *Cleaning/clean_Catalist.do*: cleans the Catalist voter-level files.
 - c. *Cleaning/clean_Catalist_county.do*: creates the sample of voters living in adjacent counties in different states.
 - d. *Cleaning/clean_Catalist_res.do*: creates two datasets containing Catalist voter-level data with residualized outcomes and treatments (after partialling out voter fixed effects and other covariates).
 - e. *Cleaning/clean_correlates.do*: creates a state-level and a county-level dataset of place and voter characteristics, which are used almost exclusively for the other paper.
 - f. *Cleaning/clean_DIME.do*: cleans Adam Bonica’s Database on Ideology, Money in Politics, and Elections (DIME).
 - g. *Cleaning/clean_expenditures.do*: cleans expenditures data for the U.S. House of Representatives (from the Center for Responsive Politics and based on Federal Elections Commission records), as well as Wisconsin Media Project and Wesleyan Media Project data on TV ads expenditures.
 - h. *Cleaning/clean_McDonald.do*: cleans Michael McDonald’s state-by-year turnout figures.
 - i. *Cleaning/clean_MITEDSL.do*: cleans data from the MIT Election Data + Science Lab.
 - j. *Cleaning/clean_NCSL.do*: cleans data from the National Conference of State Legislatures.

- k. *Cleaning/clean_statepop.do*: creates a clean dataset with estimates of the citizen voting-age population by state, year, and race.
 - l. *Cleaning/clean_surveys.do*: cleans survey data from the American National Elections Studies (ANES), Cooperative Congressional Election Studies (CCES), and the Survey of the Performance of American Elections (SPAЕ).
 - m. *Cleaning/clean_valuelabels.do*: defines all value labels for the Catalist data.
 - n. *Cleaning/clean_voterfraud.do*: cleans Heritage Foundation and News21 data on voter fraud.
4. *Analysis*: contains the analysis dofiles.
- a. *Analysis/analysis.do*: this is the master cleaning file used to run every individual analysis dofile.
 - b. *Analysis/analysis_idlaws_graph_descriptive.do*: creates the descriptive graphs (Online Appendix Figures A.1, A.2, and A.3).
 - c. *Analysis/analysis_idlaws_graph_event.do*: creates the event-study figures (Figures I and II, along with Online Appendix Figures A.4, A.5, A.6, A.7, and A.8).
 - d. *Analysis/analysis_idlaws_table_bootstrap.do*: creates the tables with bootstrap p-values (Online Appendix Tables A.32-A.36).
 - e. *Analysis/analysis_idlaws_table_county.do*: creates the table based on adjacent county pairs across state borders (Online Appendix Table A.4).
 - f. *Analysis/analysis_idlaws_table_fraud.do*: explores effects on perceived voter fraud using ANES and SPAЕ survey data (Table V and Online Appendix Tables A.23 and A.28).
 - g. *Analysis/analysis_idlaws_table_interact.do*: explores heterogeneous effects (Table III and Online Appendix Tables A.11, A.12, A.15, A.19, A.24, and A.26).
 - h. *Analysis/analysis_idlaws_table_main.do*: creates the main table (Table I).
 - i. *Analysis/analysis_idlaws_table_McDonald.do*: creates the tables based on aggregate turnout and registration (Table 2 and Online Appendix Tables A.5, A.6, and A.25).
 - j. *Analysis/analysis_idlaws_table_MITEDSL.do*: creates Online Appendix Table A.16, exploring effects on election outcomes.
 - k. *Analysis/analysis_idlaws_table_mobilize.do*: creates the tables exploring effects on voter mobilization as well as on campaign activity (Table IV and Online Appendix Tables A.20, A.21, A.22, and A.27).
 - l. *Analysis/analysis_idlaws_table_ritest.do*: creates the tables with randomization inference p-values (Online Appendix Tables A.37-A.41).
 - m. *Analysis/analysis_idlaws_table_robust.do*: explores robustness of the two-way fixed effect estimates to alternative specifications or estimators (Online Appendix Tables A.7, A.8, A.17, A.18, A.29, A.30, and A.31).
 - n. *Analysis/analysis_idlaws_table_selection.do*: explores sample selection issues (i.e. Online Appendix Table A.3).
 - o. *Analysis/analysis_idlaws_table_statelevel.do*: explores robustness of the voter-level results to using state-by-year-and race data (Online Appendix Tables A.9 and A.10).
 - p. *Analysis/analysis_idlaws_table_summary.do*: tabulates summary statistics (Online Appendix Table A.2).

- q. *Analysis/analysis.do*: explores turnout effects using CCES self-reported turnout (Online Appendix Tables A.13 and A.14).